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**SECRETARY BYSIEWICZ HONORS ELECTION DAY POLL
WORKERS FROM 5TH CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT**

*970 people honored for more than five years
of volunteer Election Day service*

Secretary of the State Susan Bysiewicz today honored 970 Election Day poll workers with five or more years of experience with Public Service Awards in a ceremony at Central Connecticut State University in New Britain. Today's ceremony honored those poll workers who reside in the Fifth Congressional District.

Election Day poll workers from the following towns were honored today: Avon, Bethel, Bethlehem, Bridgewater, Brookfield, Burlington, Collinsville, Cheshire, Danbury, Goshen, Harwinton, Litchfield, Meriden, Morris, New Britain, New Fairfield, New Milford, Newtown, Norfolk, Plymouth, Roxbury, Salisbury, Sharon, Sherman, Simsbury, Thomaston, Warren, and Woodbury.

"You, our election workers, are the guardians of our Democratic process. Every Election Day you are called upon to preserve and protect these rights, and to continue to make them meaningful by running good elections," Secretary Bysiewicz told today's honored recipients. "You really are the ones at the front line of our Democracy every year. Our elections in CT have always been well-run, and for years and years have stood as a symbol of integrity that the entire country can admire. This comes in large part thanks to all of you."

Poll workers honored today included people who volunteer each year to work as Election Day moderators, checkers, machine tenders, machine mechanics, or perform other important roles, Secretary Bysiewicz said.

The Office of the Secretary of the State has presented Public Service Awards by congressional district to many different groups over the past seven years, including professional firefighters, volunteer firefighters, volunteer emergency service workers, municipal and community volunteers, youth volunteers, and volunteer coaches and assistant coaches. To date, more than 14,600 have been honored by the Office of the Secretary of the State for their public service.

"Serving your community is what America is all about. And while you never ask to be thanked, our office finds it appropriate to say thank you for your commitment to public service," Secretary Bysiewicz said. "That is why we have presented these Public Service Awards to so many community volunteers and public servants over the years, and I hope, in a small way, these awards today let you know how much we appreciate all that you do for us."

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